

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/17/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3 and 5-33.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 5/8/06.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas Catale, Registration Number 46,434, on 5/8/06.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

a. Replace claim 1 to read as of the following:

In Claim 1,

1. (currently amended) A method comprising:

performing a registration process with a directory device, said registration process comprises a first client device specifying media content to download;

said directory device supplying to said first client device a list of active media suppliers for providing said media content after said specifying;

said directory device coupling said first client device to a media supplier chosen from said list of active media suppliers;

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software operating on said media supplier encrypting and transmitting said media content to said first client device after said coupling said first client device to said media supplier, said software regulates distribution of said media content;

said software transmitting to said first client device an encryption key capable of decrypting said media content;

said software transmitting a copy of said software to said first client device;

said copy of said software operating on said first client device encrypting and transmitting said media content to a second client device; and

said copy of said software transmitting to said second client device said encryption key [[.]] ;

wherein during downloading of said media content to said second client device, said copy of said software causes the first client device to transmit a copy of said software to said second client device.

b. Cancel claim 4

In Claim 4,

4. (Canceled)

c. Replace claim 13 to read as of the following:

In Claim 13,

13. (currently amended) A method comprising:

coupling said first client device to a directory device and specifying media content to download;

said directory device supplying to said first client device a list of media suppliers for providing said media content after said specifying;

software operating on a media supplier chosen from said list encrypting and transmitting said media content to said first client device, said software controls distribution of said media content;

said software transmitting a copy of said software to said first client device;

downloading to said first client device an encryption key capable of decrypting said media content;

said copy of said software operating on said first client device encrypting and transmitting said media content to a second client device; and

downloading to said second client device said encryption key [[.]];

wherein during downloading of said media content to said second client device, said copy of said software causes the first client device to transmit a copy of said software to said second client device.

d. Replace claim 24 to read as of the following:

In Claim 24,

24. (currently amended) A system comprising:

a media supplier upon which software operates for encrypting and transmitting media content and for transmitting a copy of said software, said software regulates distribution of said media content;

a first client device coupled to said media supplier and for receiving said media content from said media supplier and for receiving said copy of said software, said first client device for receiving a first encryption key for decrypting said media content;

a directory device for coupling said first client device to said media supplier, and for supplying to said first client device a list of active media suppliers that comprises said media supplier after said first client device specifies said media content to download; and

a second client device coupled to said first client device and for receiving said media content from said first client device, said second client device for receiving a second encryption key for decrypting said media content [[.]] , wherein during downloading of said media content to said second client device, said copy of said software causes the first client device to transmit a copy of said software to said second client device.

Reason for Allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the prior art of records teach or suggest in combination a method comprising:

said software regulates distribution of said media content;

said software transmitting to said first client device an encryption key capable of decrypting said media content;

said software transmitting a copy of said software to said first client device;

said copy of said software operating on said first client device encrypting and transmitting said media content to a second client device; and

said copy of said software transmitting to said second client device said encryption key;

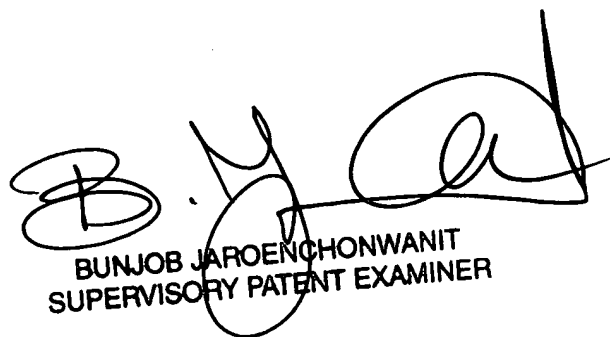
wherein during downloading of said media content to said second client device, said copy of said software causes the first client device to transmit a copy of said software to said second client device.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Philip C. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-3967. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 AM TO 5:30 PM Monday to Thursday and every other Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on (571) 272-3913. The fax phone number

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for Group 2100 is (571) 273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 350-6121.

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